



The Weight of a Man 1 Kings 2:1-4

I. A Man Feels the Weight of his Mortality (vv. 1-2a)

- A. He lives with the awareness that life is _____
(Gen. 47:29; Deut. 31:14; Josh. 23:14; Eccl. 3:20;
Psa. 89:48; 90:12; Jms. 4:14; Job 14:1-2; Heb. 9:27)
- B. He lives with the awareness that he will _____
to God (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Eccl. 12:14;
Matt. 12:36)
- C. He lives urgently, not _____ (Eph. 5:16;
Jn. 9:4; Prov. 27:1; Lk. 12:20)

II. A Man Embraces Responsibility (v. 2b)

- A. He pursues courageous _____, not passive
comfort (Josh. 1:7; Deut. 31:6; 1 Cor. 16:13;
2 Tim. 1:7)
- B. He accepts _____ for leadership
(Gen. 2:15; Eph. 5:23; 1 Tim. 3:4-5; Josh. 24:15)
- C. He rejects passivity and _____ (Gen. 3:6;
2:15-17; Prov. 24:30-34; Jms. 4:17; Matt. 25:26;
Rom. 5:12)

III. A Man Submits to God's Word (v. 3)

- A. He orders his life according to _____
(Psa. 119:9-11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Josh. 1:8; Col. 3:16)
- B. He walks in _____, not just
knowledge (Jms. 1:22; Jn. 14:15; 1 Jn. 2:3; Lk. 11:28)
- C. He pursues _____ across all of life
(Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 3:6; Lk. 16:10; Titus 2:7)

IV. A Man Lives for Legacy, Not Just the Moment (v. 4)

- A. He understands his life affects _____
(2 Sam. 7:8-13; Psa. 78:7; Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 13:22;
2 Tim. 1:5)
- B. He _____ spiritual legacy over
wordless success (Matt. 6:33; Mk. 8:36; 3 Jn. 4;
Psa. 127:1)
- C. He lives in light of God's sovereign _____
(2 Sam. 7:12-16; Lk. 1:32-33; Gal. 3:29; Rev. 22:16)

TAKE HOME:

- Lead your _____ before you lead your family
- Lead your _____ spiritually, not just financially
- Live for what will _____ you

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Where are you living as if you have “plenty of time,” and what would change this week if you numbered your days? (Ps 90:12; Jas 4:14; Job 14:1–2; Heb 9:27)
2. In what specific area do you most need courageous obedience rather than choosing comfort or fear of people? (Josh 1:7; Deut 31:6; 1 Cor 16:13; 2 Tim 1:7)
3. Where have you been present but passive—seeing compromise or drift but staying silent—and what faithful step of leadership is needed? (Gen 3:6; Jas 4:17; Prov 24:30–34; Matt 25:26)
4. What would it look like for you to take initiative in spiritual leadership at home (rather than waiting to “feel ready”)? (Gen 2:15; Eph 5:23; 1 Tim 3:4–5; Josh 24:15)
5. What habit or priority needs to change so that your life is clearly ordered by Scripture, not impulse, mood, or culture? (Josh 1:8; Ps 119:9–11; 2 Tim 3:16–17; Col 3:16)
6. Where are you strong in Bible knowledge but weak in Bible obedience, and what is one command you need to start practicing? (Jas 1:22; John 14:15; 1 John 2:3; Luke 11:28)
7. What “compartments” in your life (work, entertainment, private thought life, money, speech) need to come under consistent integrity before God? (Deut 6:6–7; Prov 3:6; Luke 16:10; Titus 2:7)
8. What are you building that won't last, and how can you reorient toward a spiritual legacy that impacts the next generation? (Matt 6:33; Mark 8:36; Ps 78:7; Deut 6:4–9)

The godly man is not made in a moment—he is made through a lifetime of discipline under the Word of God.”

- R. Kent Hughes